

Cecil B. Patterson, Jr. (The Honorable)

Cecil B. Patterson, Jr., practices law in the Phoenix community after having retired from the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division I, on June 30, 2003, after eight years of service. He was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Fife Symington on July 25, 1995, to a position which had been created as the sixteenth seat on the Court. Judge Patterson also served as the Acting Presiding Judge for the Glendale City Court from September 2001 to October 2002.



Judge Patterson served as Chief Counsel of the Human Services Division for the Office of the Arizona Attorney General from 1991 until his Court of Appeals appointment. Before beginning his tenure with the Attorney General's Office, Judge Patterson served as a Superior Court Judge in Maricopa County for 11 years commencing in 1980. During part of his time, he served as Presiding Judge of the Criminal Department. From February 1975 to April 1980, he was a trial attorney with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office. Judge Patterson engaged in the general practice of law as a partner with a local law firm and practiced law with the Phoenix Urban League and the Maricopa County Legal Aid Society from 1971 to 1975.

Professional associations include membership in the National Bar Association and its Judicial Council, and the Arizona, Maricopa County and the H.B. Daniels Bar Associations. He also served on the National Association of Attorneys General's Civil Rights Committee.

Judge Patterson serves as the Chairman of the Arizona Juvenile Justice commission, on the Tempe Community Council, served on the City of Phoenix Ad Hoc Use of Force Task Force, Minority Advisory Committee – Arizona State University, the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Sun YMCA and the Valley of the Sun United Way. Other community activities include having served on the Board of Directors of the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP, the Maricopa County Chapter of the Red Cross and Southminster Social Service Agency.

Judge Patterson earned his law degree from Arizona State University in 1971 after serving five years on active duty with the United States Air Force. He graduated with a B.A. in history from Hampton University, Virginia in 1963.

Judge Patterson is married and has two children.